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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 856 on the same subject."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" What are the criteria adopted by the Government in deciding that a particular community should be included in the list of backward communities? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Backwardness involves educational backwardness and backwardness in other respects also."

9-10 a.m *Cloth purchased for the Police department.*

* 858 Q.—SRI G. SATYANARAYANA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of yards of cloth purchased by the Government for the Police department during the year 1951–52; and

(*b*) out of that how many yards were mill cloth, how many yards of cloth were imported from foreign countries and what was the cost in rupees?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) 381,076-1/8 yards of cloth were purchased for the Police Department during 1951–52.

" (*b*) The whole of the quantity is mill cloth and no cloth was imported from foreign countries."

SRI G. SATYANARAYANA :—"మంత్రిగారు చెప్పిన సమాధానం దృష్టిలో ఉంచుకుని ముందునుంచి ప్రభుత్వానికి కావలసిన బట్ట, చేనేత పారిశ్రామిక సొసైటీనుంచి కొనడానికి ప్రయత్నం చేస్తారా ?"

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" This is what the hon. Member wants to know. In future, will the Government take care to get cloth from the handloom weavers in order to provide employment for them? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This relates to 1951–52 and not for the present year. With regard to the present requirements, the hon. Members are aware that we are trying to find out the suitability of a new pattern of cloth woven from hand-spun yarn and mill-spun yarn put together. This will be utilised in the Police department if it is found suitable according to the physical duties which the various officials have got to do."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of supplying the police officials with khaki made of khaddar? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is exactly what I said, viz., that a new pattern of cloth made by a mixture of hand-spun yarn and mill-spun yarn is being evolved. If it is found suitable, it will be given to the Police department also."